

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-15 were presented for examination and were pending in this application. In the latest Office Action, claims 9-13 were rejected, and claims 7, 8, 14, and 15 were allowed. With this amendment, claim 9 is amended, and claim 12 is canceled. On the basis of the following remarks, consideration of this application and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

Claim 9 has been amended to address the examiner's objection regarding the repetition of "a DLS modem."

Claims 9-13 were rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,272,209 to Bridger; anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0004382 to Van Wonterghem; and obvious under U.S. Patent No. 6,400,803 to Tate. The amendment to claim 9 moots these rejections.

Claim 9 has been amended to recite "a subscriber line interference circuit (SLIC)" coupled to a DSL modem, and wherein "the SLIC provides power to the line during the quiescent state." These features, which are recited in allowed claim 7, render claims 9-13 allowable for the same reasons.

Therefore, the application is in condition for allowance of all claims, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the examiner believes for any reason direct contact would help advance the prosecution of this case to allowance, the examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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